

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-36. (canceled).

37. (currently amended): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, ~~consisting of~~comprising a particulate composite which comprises an Si oxide and at least one noble-metal selected from the group consisting of Pd, Pt, Au, Rh, Ir, Ru, Os and Re.

38-40. (canceled).

41. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, wherein when the Si oxide is expressed in SiO_x , $0.8 \leq x \leq 2$.

42. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, further comprising lithium metal.

43. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, wherein when a ratio of Si atoms to noble-metal atoms is expressed in a:b, $0.01 < b/a$.

44. (new): The anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37, partially or wholly having an amorphous structure.

45. (new): An anode for a secondary battery, comprising an activator layer which comprises the anode material for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 37 on at least one side of an anode collector.

46. (new): The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 45, wherein the anode activator is formed by mechanical processing.

47. (new): The anode for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 45, wherein a center-line average roughness (Ra) of the anode collector is 1/10 or more of a thickness of the anode collector.

48. (new): A non-aqueous electrolytic-solution secondary battery comprising the anode for a secondary battery as claimed in claim 45.